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THURSDAY, NOV. 15, 1900.

As will be seen by the returns of the Dominion election published elsewhere in this issue the Liberal Party have gained an overwhelming victory over the Conservative Party, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier will be Prime Minister of Canada for another four years. The Outcrop though independent in all politics, takes this opportunity to congratulate the Liberal party upon so great a triumph and wishes them every success.

The result of the election is most natural and only goes to prove that in this fair Dominion the people are of the same material as the rest of the human family who now dwell on the crust of this terrestrial ball. When a country is prosperous it is seldom that mankind will throw bread upon the waters that it may return again. Whether it is the result of the Government or not Canada today is more prosperous than ever before and her citizens have now stated their unwillingness to risk a change of Government.

The Conservatives for the most part seem to take their sore defeat like gentlemen, but of necessity with a little encouragement may be judged by the following from the Victoria Colonist, one of their leading Provincial organs:

At the present writing the returns are not all in, but sufficient is known to show that the Laurier Government has been sustained by a substantial majority. Canada has followed the example of Great Britain and the United States, and concluded to let things remain in statu quo. The Liberal sweep in the Maritime Provinces is notable and must be regarded as a triumph for Messrs. Fielding, Blair and Davies. Sir Wilfrid and Mr. Tarte gave a good account of themselves in Quebec. In Ontario the ministers did not make anything like so good a showing, which justifies the claim so often made that the brains of the Liberal party are in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. The defeat of Sir Charles Tupper, Messrs. Hugh John Macdonald, Foster and Ferguson, and other proli-

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desire this. He was the last of the Fathers of Confederation to offer for election, and even his opponent could wish him a better name dimittis. He has had a long, laborious and honorable career, and has written his name in indelible characters upon the pages of Canadian history.

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Billy Boy, now howling out the chant of "Old King Cole," once drove a team two hundred and ten miles in two days without killing his horses, and in the darkest days of the North-West Rebellion carried despatches right through the enemy's lines.

Mackinaw Bob, leaning back against the shanty wall very drunk, was one of the thirty men who in Fort Walsh defended for three days the largest Indian army ever raised, to wit, the Sioux forces of Sitting Bull, when they came to Canadian territory triumphant after the massacre of General Carter's 7th Cavalry.

The Blackguard? But the Blackguard's story is the purpose of this present writing.

"Boys, who's this Tenderfoot they've put at the officers' mess?"

"I found the duffer," said one of the boys just in from Windermere patrol, "he'd scribbled like a something May-erick—didn't know who he was or where he belonged to—lost his head, here with all his pack. I rounded him up and loaded him in toward camp. His name is Ramsey."

"Is he any good?"

"No. Put on enough side for a Governor-General."

"Where are you going to sleep?"

"Colonel's tent, I guess, unless the old man turns up unexpected, but he's still at the mess with a brandy-and-salt, and two blanketed adjutants. Inspectors I want to know what we've done that he should be palmed off on a white man's camp instead of old Isadore's barracks."

"Have, Providence has sent him here to be kicked, and shall we dispute the wisdom of Providence? I'll see to it you fellows; and now, unless somebody's got credit with my future wife for the drinks, let us chase the swarves by singing in a loud voice the words of the venerable anonymous known as the 'General Salute.'"

So the boys took up the gaudy measures to a strenuous accompaniment of a waten pans in an uproar worthy of Pandemonium—

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(TO BE CONTINUED.)

**WAR NEWS.**

Lord Roberts in a despatch dated Johannesburg, November 5, reports to the war office as follows:

"Smith-Barton states that Major Saunders and Capt. Chalmers, of the Cameron Mounted Rifles, behaved with great gallantry in the action of November 2. Saunders rode out under a heavy fire to bring in a horseless non-commissioned officer."

Saunders was wounded, and his horse was killed, and Chalmers went to his assistance. Saunders implied him to have, but was refused, and the gallant Chalmers was, I grieve to say, killed."

Lord Roberts has called the war of race that former President Steyer in a speech to Belgium's Congress, on October 24, said Mr. Kruger had gone to Europe in order to "get intervention," and if he failed "the Transvaal would be auctioned off to the highest bidder."

The Dutch cruiser Gelderland, with ex-President Kruger on board, has arrived at Ras Jibuti. She has been directed to await instructions from the Hague at Port Said, with regard to Mr. Kruger's landing in Europe. The Gelderland will stop here three days. Mr. Kruger is in excellent health. Mr. Heyns has declared that Mr. Kruger was going to Europe purely on a holiday.

Mr. Kruger was found sitting on the deck with his legs wrapped in a sheepskin. "May they fight without remission!" he exclaimed, energetically filling his pipe, referring to the Boers. "That is what we ask."

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